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SUBJECT: ENERGY -- BELGIAN DOMESTIC TAXES ON PETROLEUM AND
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 001950

1. GIVEN IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE THE EXCISE TAXES AND THE
VALUE ADDED TAXES (VAT) LIABLE ON MOST PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
IN BELGIUM AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975, AND AS EXPRESSED IN
BELGIAN FRANCS PER LITER (EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED):

PRODUCT	EXCISE TAX	VAT
PREMIUM GASOLINE	7.70	0.80
REGULAR GASOLINE	7.70	0.77
AUTOGAS	2.75	0.45
AGO (PUMP)	2.81	1.05
IGO	0.45	0.26
DO	0.45	0.25
PROPANE (BULK)(FRANCS/TON)	.00	5.42
PROPANE (BOTTLED) (FRANCS/KILOGRAL)		
	0.00	0.88
BUTANE (BOTTLED) (FRANCS/KILOGRAM)		
	0.00	0.83
KEROSENE	0.45	0.30

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FUEL OIL (MEDIUM)(FRANCS/TON) 1.00 2.28

FUEL OIL(HEAVY)(FRANCS/TON)	1.00	2.02
FUEL OIL (EXTRA HEAVY) (FRANCS/TON)		
	1.00	1.86

2. FOOTNOTES/COMMENTS ON PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE:

- A. AUTHOGAS IS A MIXTURE OF PROPANE AND BUTANE.
- B. AGO IS AUTOMOTIVE GASOIL.
- C. IGO IS THE SAME PRODUCT AS AGO BUT USED FOR INDUSTRIAL OR HEATING PURPOSES. WHEN SO USED, IT IS TAXED MUCH LESS.
- D. DO IS "DIESEL OIL" I.E. SLIGHTLY HEAVIER AND MORE SULPHUROUS THAN AGO/IGO.
- E. FUEL OIL GRADES AS DEFINED BY REDWOOD ONE STANDARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS: --
 - MEDIUM -- 600 MAX AT 100 DEGREES F
 - HEAVY -- 600 - 2500 MAX AT 100 DEGREES F
 - EXTRA HEAVY -- 3500 MAX AT 100 DEGREES F

3. ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS WHICH ARE TAXED (FRANCS PER LITER)

AT RATES WHICH VARY BECAUSE OF NEGOTIATED PRICES:

PRODUCT	EXCISE TAX	VAT(AD VALOREM)
NAPTHA	0.00	6 PERCENT
JP-1	0.45	6 PERCENT
JP-4	7.70	6 PERCENT
LUBRICANTS	0.10	18 PERCENT

4. FOOTNOTE/COMMENT ON PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE:

IN FACT, THE TAXES ON JP ARE HARDLY EVER PAID BECAUSE VIRTUALLY ALL IS SOLD IN INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS "FOR EXPORT". BELGIUM HAS NO DOMESTIC FLIGHTS WHICH USE JET FUEL.FIRESTONE

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